

Bucks Free Press special on Blues' magnificent comeback



Thompson's glory is 'high' on Sky



A manager's delight: Martin O'Neill praises his team's marvellous efforts

STEVE Thompson wasn't going to miss his moment of glory.

The midfielder lined up eight friends to video Sky Sports' coverage of the Albion game, on the day television cameras were present to record Wanderers' rousing FA Cup comeback, even though he was not certain of a place in their starting line-up.

His late goal, as the rains lashed down, capped a marvellous recovery by Martin O'Neill's team. Thommo's strike looked just as good on the BBC's Nine O'Clock News, and gave Sky just the finale they wanted.

By PETE LANSLEY

After watching a video of the game on Monday night, I thought the coverage was excellent. Reporter Nick Collins followed the team into the changing rooms after an interview with O'Neill was drowned out by hundreds of Wycombe fans spilling onto the pitch after the final whistle.

Steam from the showers had to be wiped from the camera lens as the post-match 'high' was perfectly captured. Thommo, Glyn Creaser and O'Neill were interviewed, and the cameras stuck around for the

Third Round draw in the Centre Spot at 6.30pm.

The Wycombe boss was interviewed live either side of his team's name being potentially paired with West Ham. "Maybe they interviewed me because I was in a better state than most of my players behind me - my cheeks may have been slightly less rosy," suggested O'Neill.

He joined Barry Fry and Malcolm Allison back on Sky for a footballing chat show on Tuesday night, and they join up again for next Tuesday night's Hawthorns replay. Long may the cameras roll for the Wanderers soap opera.